

MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

To: The Governing Board

FROM: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: Øctober 3, 2012

SUBJECT: Agenda Item V(d): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a dedication of an approximately 25-acre conservation easement over portions of APN 4377-002-039 (1400 Linda Flora Drive), Hoag Canyon, City of Los Angeles.

<u>Staff Recommendation</u>: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of a conservation easement of approximately 25 acres over portions of APN 4377-002-039 (1400 Linda Flora Drive), in Hoag Canyon, City of Los Angeles.

<u>Background</u>: The subject 24.72 acres to be protected via a conservation easement would be located on a 31.12-acre parcel in Hoag Canyon, approximately 800 feet east of the Sepulveda Pass Open Space property. The dominant groundcover on the property is mixed northern chaparral.

As depicted on the attached Conceptual Conservation Agreement Exhibit, the conservation easement will cover three sections of the property (Area B, East Area C, and West Area C), with variable restrictions on each section. The property owner will provide a legal description and plot plan of the easement.

This dedication offer is completely voluntary on the part of the property owner. The proposed house and associated construction on other portions of the property is by right. A mitigated negative declaration for that project has already been approved by the City of Los Angeles.